she, being prepossessed of the matter by the others, took him up, calling him a rash and temerarious youth to enter into a matter against the pool man, which he could not prove and whose innocence she knew well enough , but malice against Dr Lopez, and no other, hatched all this matter, which displeaseth her much, and more for that her honour is interested therein

These words of the Queen's so angered the Earl of Essex that he went back to his chamber, with great fury casting open the chamber door before him, and so passed into his cabinet where he kept himself shut in for an hour

ESSEX AND LOPEZ

This enmity between the Earl of Essex and Dr Lopez is of old standing Some time since, the Earl of Essex, having resolved to make use of intelligencers to do him service, to this end spoke to Dr Lopez, telling that many did practise treason against her Majesty The Spaniard hated her, the Papists would do her what hurt they could , she was ancient and childless , and the good of the Kingdom wholly depended on her life Now for preventing this design it would be best to find someone on whom the Spaniard might repose trust After some talk with the Queen, Lopez undertook the business, and made offer of his service to some special friends in Spam or Portugal The) to whom he wrote gave him encouragement and promised a good reward

Here began a mutual intercourse of letters between them , and as soon as ever Lopez received any intelligence, he went instantly to the Queen to acquaint her therewith, and afterwards he went to the Earl of Essex and acquainted him Then did the Earl of Essex come to the Court and acquaint her with

the same and the Queen knowing it before did but laugh at the Earl of Essex And so it fell out several times, whereby the Earl saw himself utterly disappointed, for though he had gotten an intelligencer yet he proved not to be his but went m immediately to the Queen This hath bred very ill blood between the Eail and Lopez

In the last vacation, Dr Lopez went to visit Don Antonio and Antonio Perez , and making merry with them, Lopez began to inveigh against the Earl of Essex, telling them some secrecies,